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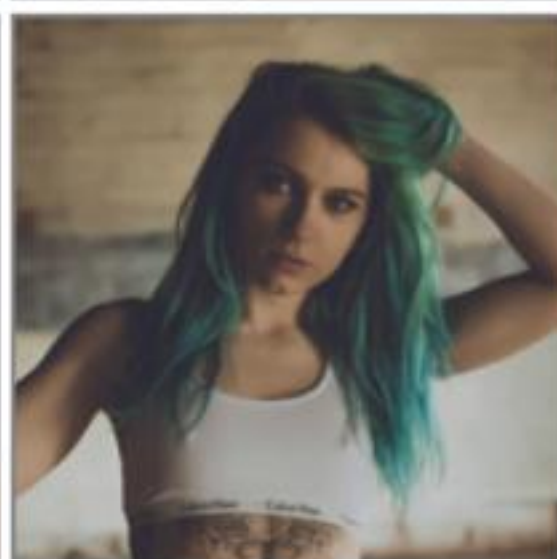
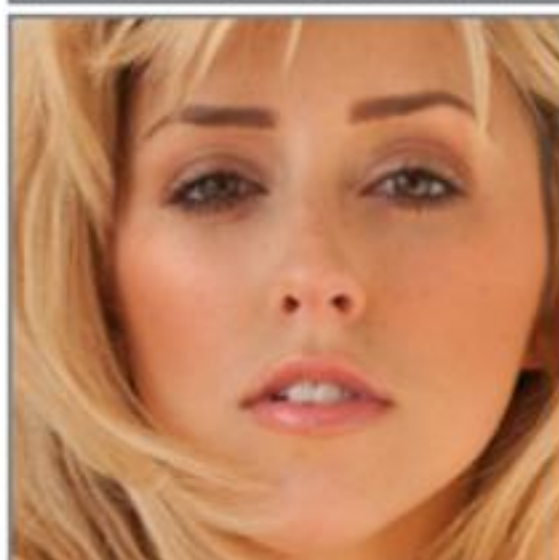
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LANA LOVES...

Katie Anna

Photographer: Lana Parker



Hey Katie! Welcome to Elite, what was it like to work with the photographer on this shoot? It was fab working with Lana. She is great fun to work with, knows what she's doing and she's gorgeous too :)

What was your favourite part of the shoot? When Lana got the sexy side out of me, she was like mess you hair up give me some sex appeal... so obviously I did.

What's your favourite part of your body and why? It has to be my eyes, they are very striking and I always get complimented on them.

If you could model for any brand, product or company, which would it be and why? I would love to model for Vogue. A girl can only dream.

What's your favourite song currently? My favourite song at the moment is James Arthur's new song, it's so cute!

What would you like Elite readers to take away from your pictures in our illustrious mag? I would like the Elite readers to see a natural fun cheeky side of me. I may look cute, but I have a sexy wild side too.









YOU'RE HOSTING AN ELITE SPONSORED JELLY WRESTLING COMPETITION. WHICH FOUR CELEBRITY COMBATANTS WILL YOU BOOK AND WHY? IT WOULD HAVE TO BE JENNIFER ANNISTON, RACHEL MCADAMS, MILA KUNIS AND MARGOT ROBBIE. ALL NATURAL GORGEOUS BEAUTIES. I THINK THE TICKETS WOULD SELL OUT IN AN HOUR.

Photographer: Lana Parker



**WHAT'S A
GUARANTEED TURN
ON FOR YOU? I HAVE
A THING FOR MEN
IN GREY JOGGERS
AND NOTHING ELSE.
DON'T ASK ME WHY
IT JUST WORKS!**



**ON A SCALE OF ONE TO
TEN, HOW GOOD LOOKING
ARE YOU? I WOULD RATE
MYSELF AN 8, THERE'S
ALWAYS ROOM FOR
IMPROVEMENT HAHA.**

Photographer: Lana Parker





Describe your perfect photoshoot: It would be a shoot in Mexico with lots of my favourite models. I would love to shoot on a sandy beach and all the stunning locations - drinking cocktails of course.

How do you stay in such modelly perfect shape? Exercise? Diet? Good genes? Or luck? I stay in shape by training at my local gym. I try to train 5 times a week with a mixture of cardio and weights. I also eat really healthy and cook recipes out of the body coach lean in 15 book.

What do you like most about Elite? I really like Elite as the pictures are always awesome and the girls always look amazing. It's a really cool magazine and I am glad to be part of it.



**FINALLY, IS THERE
ANYTHING YOU WOULD
LIKE TO SAY TO THE
ELITE READERS?**
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ME AND HOPE YOU
ENJOYED READING MY
INTERVIEW.**



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Vikki Blende

Photographer: Tripodski







Hey Vikki! Welcome to Elite, tell us a bit about yourself: Hello you beauties! I'm a 24 year old, food obsessed, tattoo addict from a small town called Grimsby! I spend my summers being half naked in Ibiza drinking wine round the pool (don't hate me)!

What was it like to work with the photographer on this shoot? Amazing! I had such a laugh and felt comfortable the whole time. I can't wait to shoot again!

What was your favourite part of the shoot? The banter, being half naked and the amazing underwear! Oh, and the free sausage rolls at the end!

What's your favourite part of your body and why? My bum and waist, they both compliment each other well.

On a scale of one to ten, how good looking are you? I've never really understood this rating people on numbers malarkey but if i had to answer it I would probably say a 7, it all depends how I'm feeling.

If you could model for any brand, product or company, which would it be and why? I would actually love to model for Victoria's Secret, on the catwalk! Even though I would look like Frodo from Lord of the Rings next to them supermodels it would be pretty awesome to wear what they do.

You're hosting an Elite sponsored jelly wrestling competition. Which four celebrity combatants will you book and why? I've actually got this weird fear about jelly it makes me feel a bit queezy but it would have to be Nina Kraviz just because shes a little spice, Jessica Alba (do you have to ask me why), Michelle Keegan (she seems like she would have a laugh and shes an absolute babe) and lastly Blake Lively, I just love her!

What's your favourite song currently? I can never have a favourite song, I like to many to pick one and it all depends what mood I am in at the time! I'm really into J Cole at the minute.



What would you like Elite readers to take away from your pictures in our illustrious mag? An erection would be good and also to empower women to feel good in there bodies no matter what shape or size (small boobs are good too).

What's a guaranteed turn on for you? A funny, good looking guy stood at the end of my bed with a large pepperoni pizza!

Describe your perfect photoshoot: I have always wanted to shoot in Melbourne, because the street art is wicked! Few beers, sunshine, cool surroundings and good people - not much else I would want.

How do you stay in such modelly perfect shape? Exercise? Diet? Good genes? Or luck? I've always been quite lucky, I eat loads and don't put on weight! I am just naturally very petite and I'm hoping it stays this way.

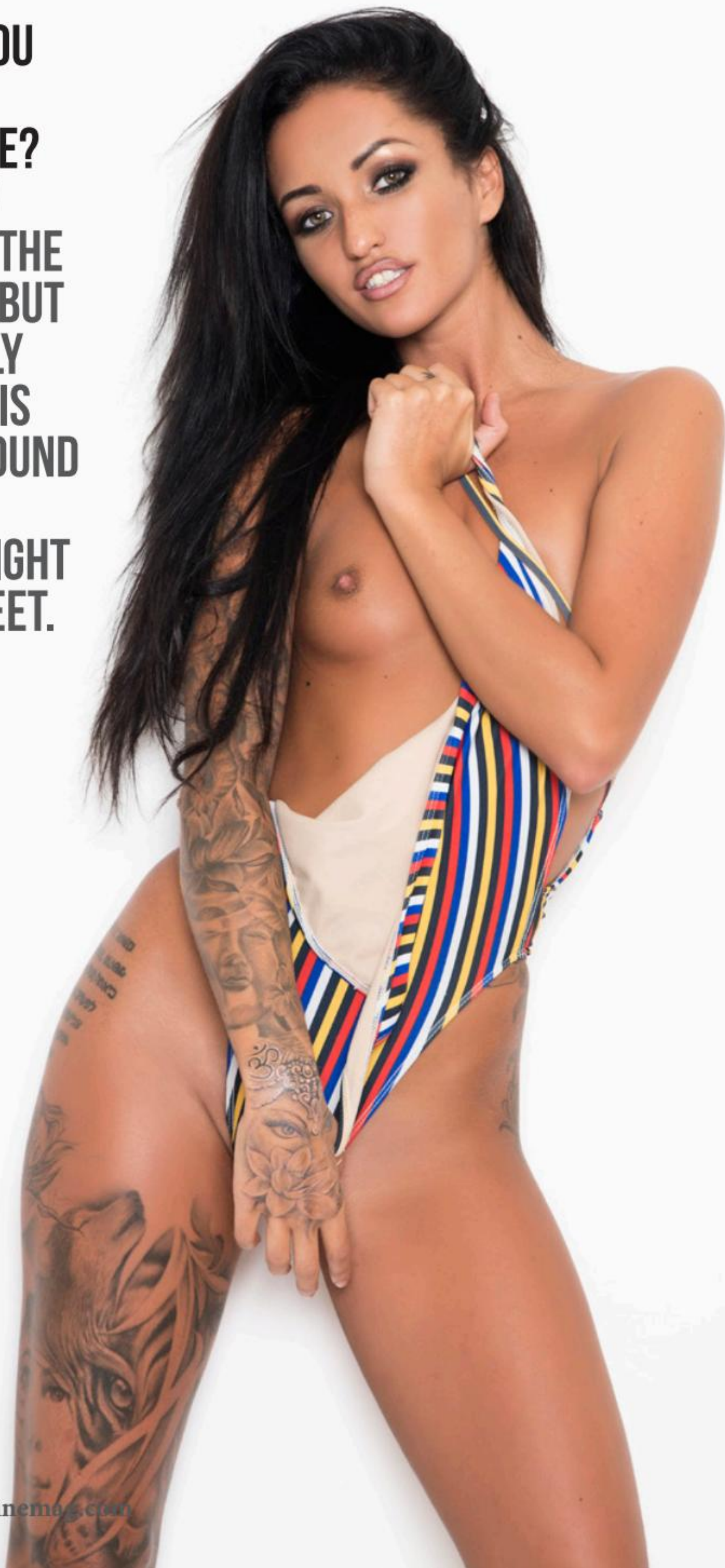
Photographer: Tripodski







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I LOVE HOW
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ALL EQUALLY
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JUST ALL ROUND
AWESOME
WHICH IS RIGHT
UP MY STREET.**







Finally, is there anything you would like to say to the Elite Readers? Thanks for reading and supporting me! I'll be back with Elite very soon but in the meantime you can check me out on instagram @vikkiblendell Love you all!



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Aniston

Photographer: Mike White

Hey Aniston! Welcome to Elite, tell us a bit about yourself: Well, I'm a total geek. I love Dr. Who, Pokemon, donuts, babes and traditional tattoos. I'm 27. I work full time at my favorite tattoo shop as the counter girl/shop manager. I model part-time. And I really, really like donuts.

What was it like to work with the photographer on this shoot? Mike is great. He's super warm and welcoming. I think we spent more of the shoot eating donuts and catching Pokemon than we did actually shooting. He was fun to be around!

What was your favourite part of the shoot? Right as we were about to start shooting, a Psyduck appeared in the room. We got this epic "Gotta Catch 'Em All" cellphone shot while I was in my underwear.

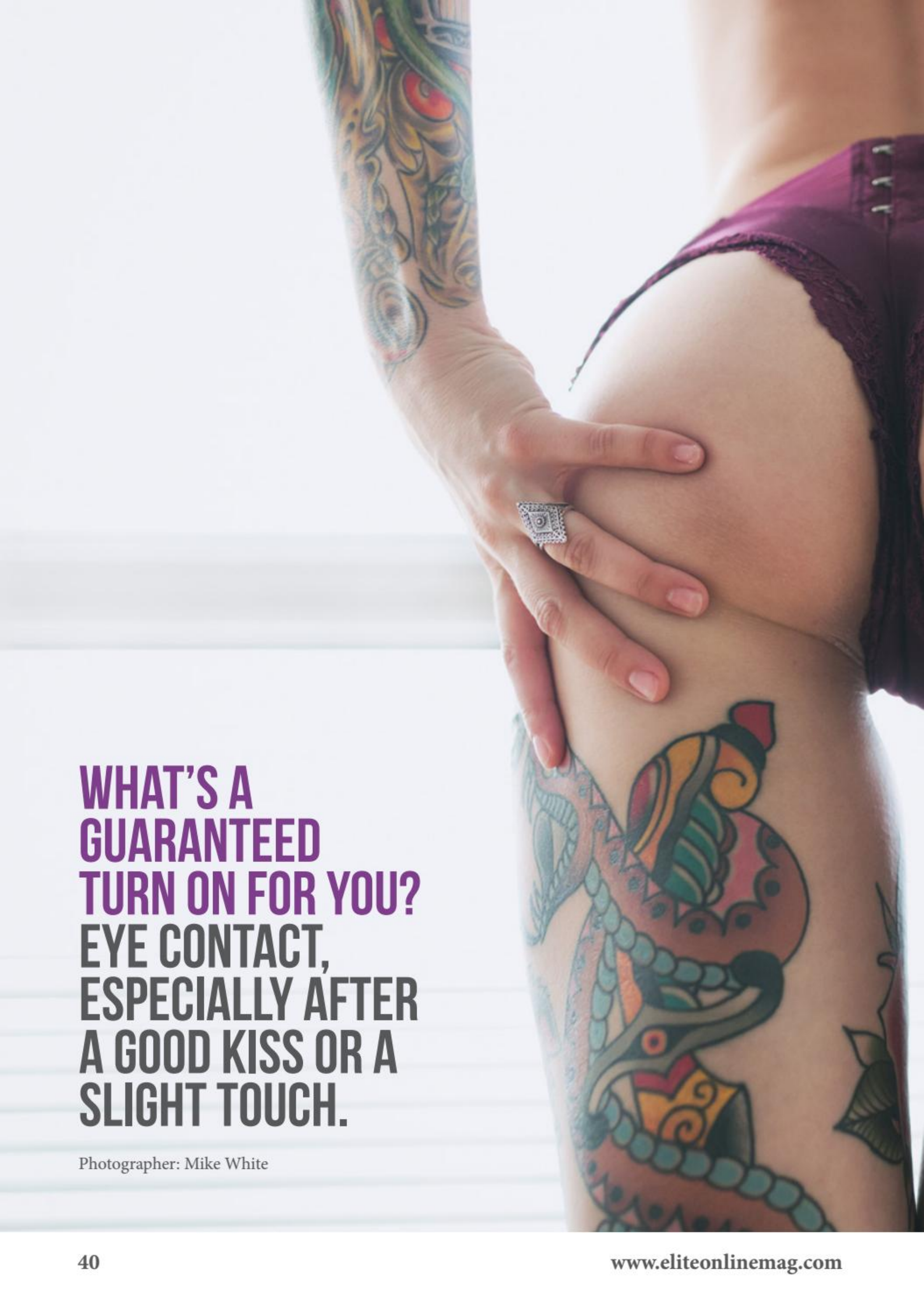
What's your favourite part of your body and why? Ah, this changes all the time. Sometimes, I say my legs, other times I say my eyes. Right now, I'm totally feeling into my eye game.

On a scale of one to ten, how good looking are you? I honestly think anyone can look good with the right makeup and lighting, but I'd call myself a solid 8.

If you could model for any brand, product or company, which would it be and why? I would love to model for Hopeless Lingerie. It's an independent, handmade-to-order lingerie brand based in Australia. I've looked up to them for years and spent so many paychecks splurging on their lingerie. The styles are always flattering and absolutely stunning. #goals

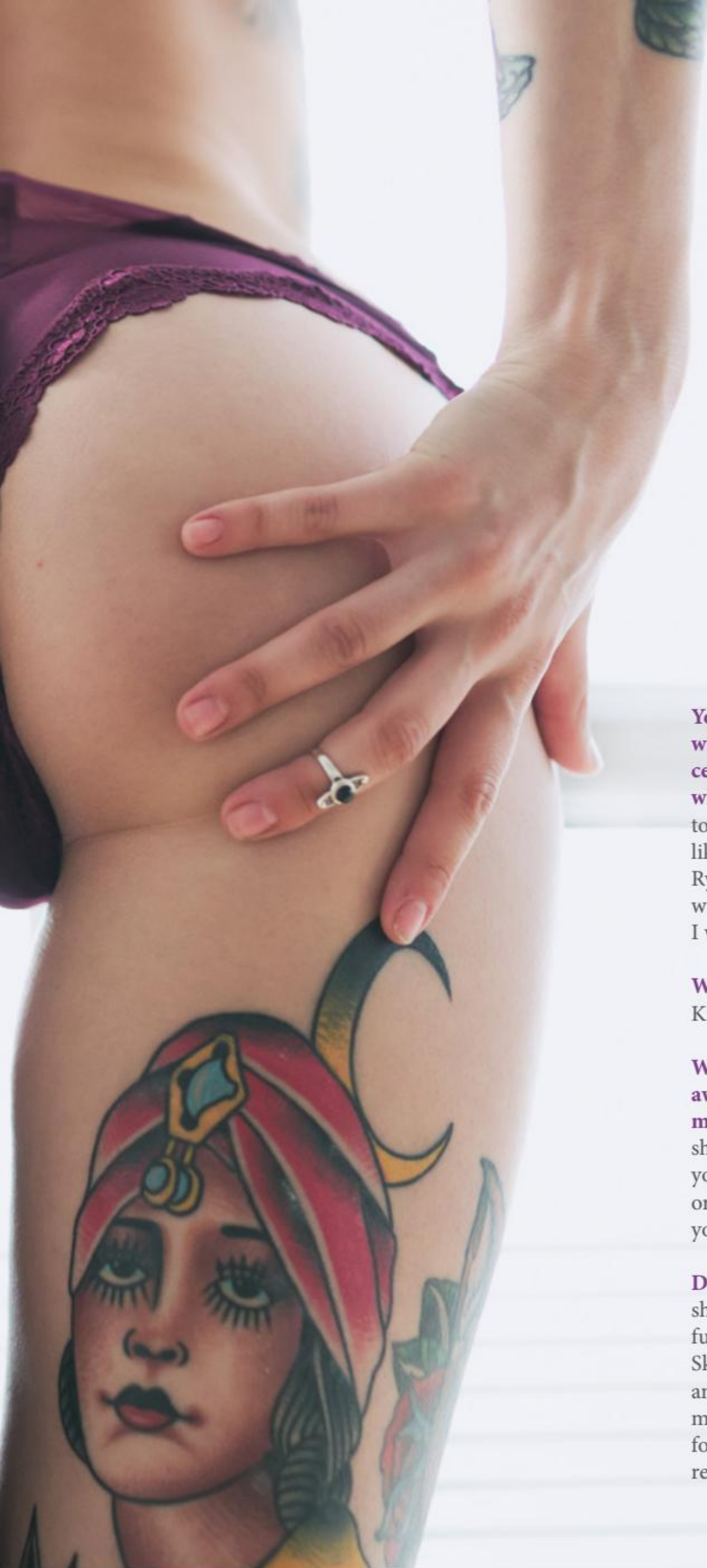






**WHAT'S A
GUARANTEED
TURN ON FOR YOU?
EYE CONTACT,
ESPECIALLY AFTER
A GOOD KISS OR A
SLIGHT TOUCH.**

Photographer: Mike White



You're hosting an Elite sponsored jelly wrestling competition. Which four celebrity combatants will you book and why? Well, I'm American so I would love to see Donald Trump vs. literally anyone, like Ken Bone. I'd also love to see Winona Ryder (because I think she'd have a blast with it) and Keira Knightly (mostly because I want to see her scantily clad).

What's your favourite song currently?
King for a Day - Pierce the Veil.

What would you like Elite readers to take away from your pictures in our illustrious mag? That we had an amazing time on the shoot and that just because you don't think you are what others might consider perfect or beautiful, you can still feel good about yourself.

Describe your perfect photoshoot: I love shooting with friends. It just brings such a fun and welcoming atmosphere to a shoot. Skyhook is really great at helping to direct and introduce new poses and ideas that you might not otherwise think of. I think it just fosters such an amazing environment that results in genuinely better photos.



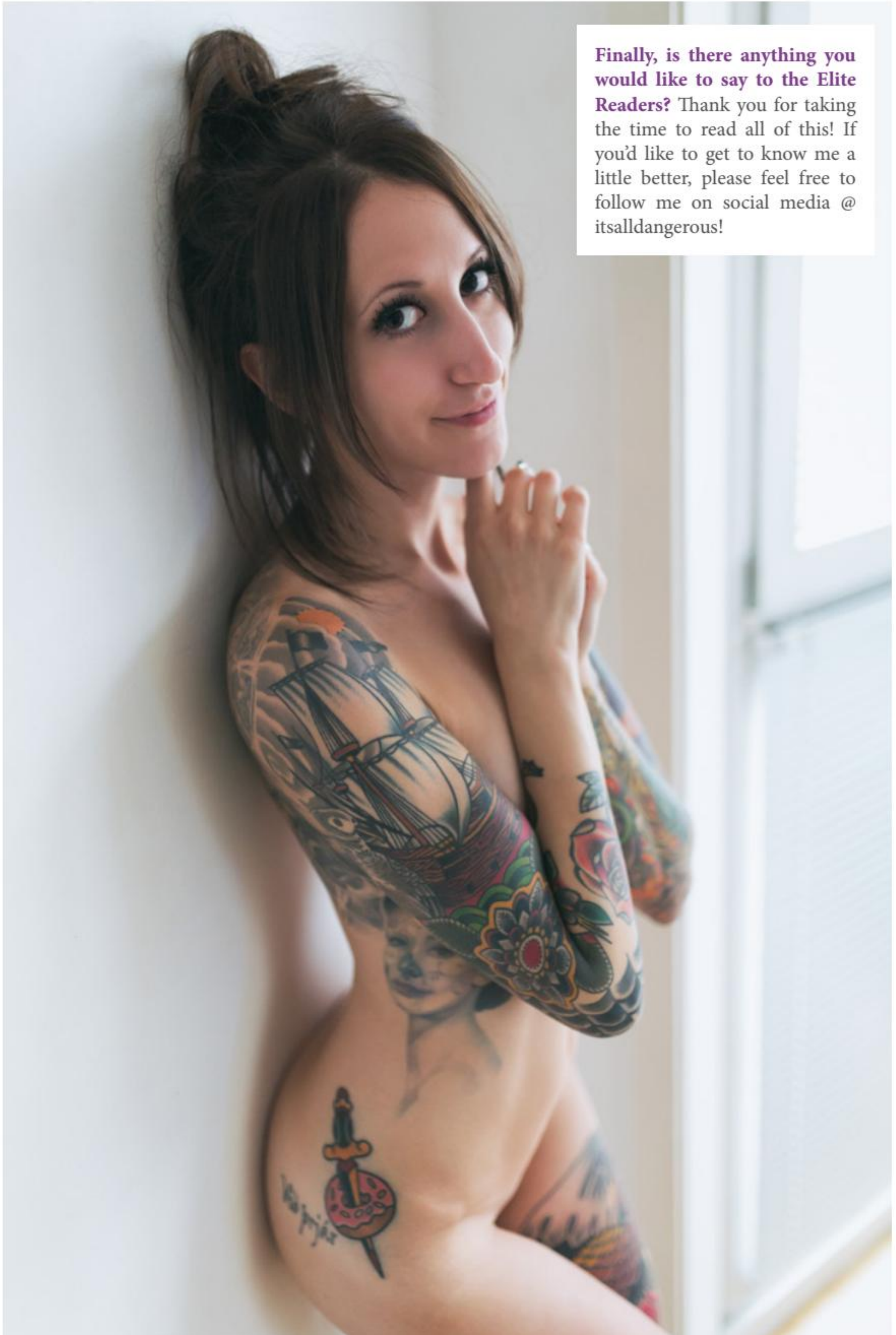


How do you stay in such modelly perfect shape? Exercise? Diet? Good genes? Or luck? This one's tough for me. My body shape/size changes so much depending on diet/exercise. I have PCOS with insulin resistance, which pretty much means that if I eat too much sugar or simple carbs, my body and emotions go haywire. One thing that I've learned, though, is that if you model enough in front of the camera, you will feel comfortable regardless of your size/shape at any moment. You'll learn that so many people find you beautiful regardless of how far off you feel from personal "ideal" body size.

**WHAT DO YOU
LIKE MOST
ABOUT ELITE?
THE DIVERSITY
OF THE MODELS
AND THE
WELCOMING
ATMOSPHERE!
YOU GUYS ARE
ROCKSTARS.**



Finally, is there anything you would like to say to the Elite Readers? Thank you for taking the time to read all of this! If you'd like to get to know me a little better, please feel free to follow me on social media @itsalldangerous!



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KELLY LANE

Photographer: Tristan Manas



Hey Kelly! Welcome to Elite, tell us a bit about yourself: Hi, I'm Kelly, 28, a mother of 2 and I'm from the greatest country in the world - Australia!

What was it like to work with the photographer on this shoot? Tristan is amazing, he knew exactly how to work with my body and was so relaxed the entire time. I was so nervous in the beginning but after the first 20 shots he had completely calmed my nerves and was so professional.

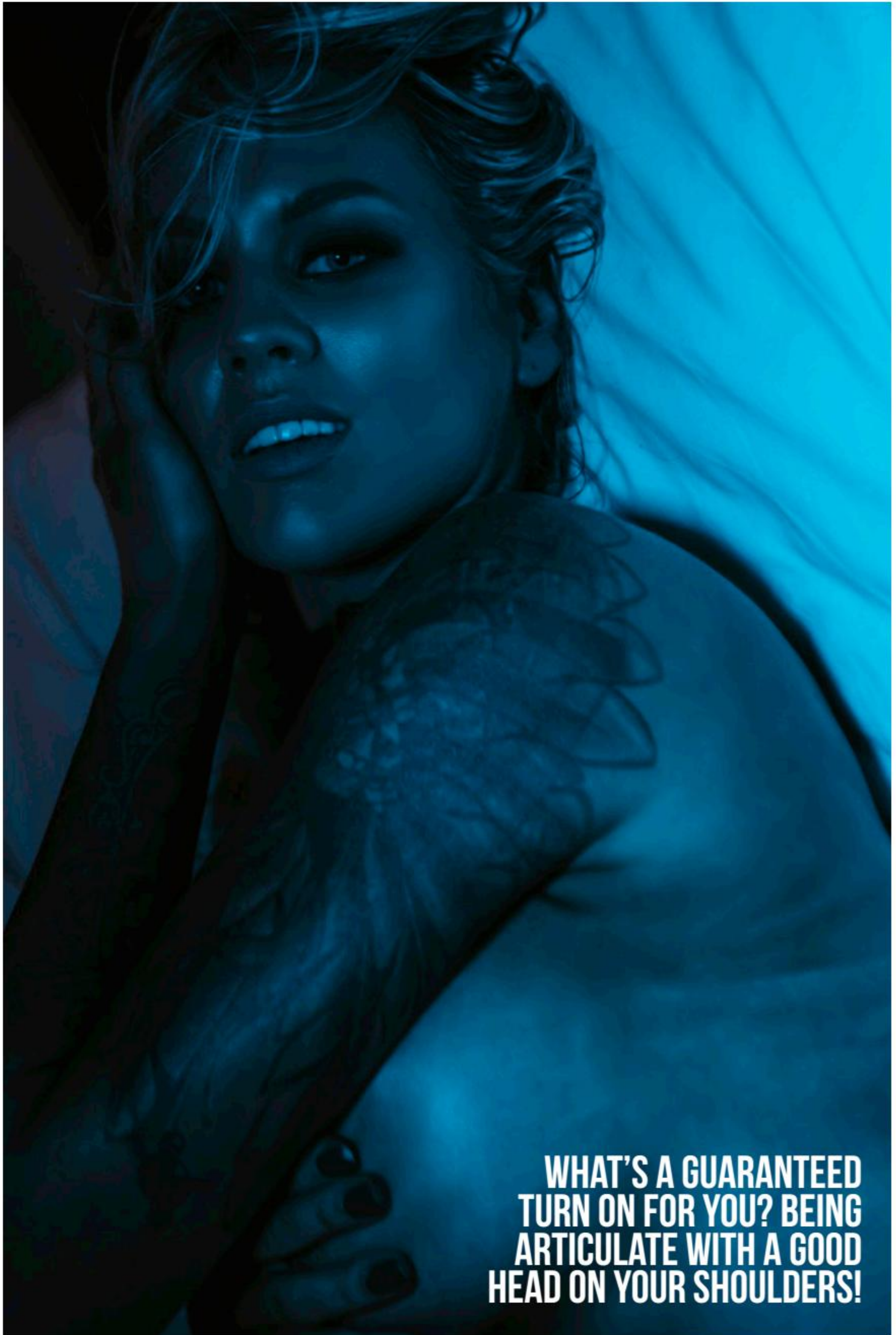
What was your favourite part of the shoot? Playing dress ups! I love being able to change it up with hair, makeup and props!

What's your favourite part of your body and why? My boobs! I've gone through a whole lot of surgery to get them where they are today - haha!

On a scale of one to ten, how good looking are you? I think everyone is is a 10 with good lighting and a filter - haha. But beauty is in the eye of the beholder and you can't take yourself too seriously.

If you could model for any brand, product or company, which would it be and why? Honey Birdette. They have the most beautiful lingerie!





**WHAT'S A GUARANTEED
TURN ON FOR YOU? BEING
ARTICULATE WITH A GOOD
HEAD ON YOUR SHOULDERS!**





You're hosting an Elite sponsored jelly wrestling competition. Which four celebrity combatants will you book and why? Christy Mack - completely self explanatory! Ellis Cooper - she is absolutely stunning! Vicky Aisha - so we could have booty twerk off! Jessica Wilde - have you seen her?! Holy!

What's your favourite song currently? I don't really have a favourite. It depends on my mood. I can listen to black metal and then skip to hip hop!

What would you like Elite readers to take away from your pictures in our illustrious mag? I hope they enjoy them as much as I enjoyed doing them!

How do you stay in such modelly perfect shape? Exercise? Diet? Good genes? Or luck? I weight train 6-7 times a week and I'm sober. I don't drink or do drugs or party.

What do you like most about Elite? Girls and tattoos - is there any better combination?

Photographer: Tristan Manas



PHOTOGRAPHER: TRISTAN MANAS





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OIL! I WOULD LOVE TO DO
ONE WITH ANOTHER GIRL!**

Photographer: Tristan Manas





**FINALLY, IS THERE
ANYTHING YOU WOULD
LIKE TO SAY TO THE ELITE
READERS? THANK YOU
FOR TAKING THE TIME
TO READ MY RAMBLES
AND I HOPE YOU LIKE THE
PHOTOS :) X**

Photographer: Tristan Manas







The Beautiful
BEA DUX

Photographer: Tripodski

Welcome Bea, how are you? Hey! I can't complain, roof over my head, food in my tummy. It's all groovy.

Seriously though, we're so thrilled to have you in Elite again Bea. Did you have fun shooting for us? As always, of course!

What is like to grace our cover for the first time? A little overwhelming? And also amazing (Thank you).

What was it like to shoot with Tripodski? Awesome! The man is a legend and we have a blast on every shoot. It's always fun pushing the boundaries to see who can be the most sarcastic twazzock.

You always seem so effortless on camera, is it hard reinventing yourself for new features? Absolutely not, I tend to be rather spontaneous with alterations with my appearance! Though in regards to effortless, I look back at earlier shoots and I remember concentrating so hard that it really showed in the photographs. Now I know what I'm doing I can relax a little more and feel more confident to try new things!

So you seem to be traveling everywhere these days... where has been your favourite place? I know, I've been all over the place recently! I'd say my favourite place so far has to be this one particular restaurant that I've forgotten the name of in Mijas, Spain. It's pretty high up in the mountains and overlooks this beautiful land all the way down the the sea. The hotels and holiday homes there are constantly booked so it's kind of impossible to stay there but the traditional architecture and absolute beauty of the place is phenomenal.

What is the most British thing you do? I'm overly polite to everyone. I address most people as 'Sir' or 'Madam' and unnecessarily apologise constantly.





What are your hobbies? This year I've gotten back into writing poetry pretty heavily! I haven't shared any publicly because, like singing, I'm a tad terrified of being shit, but writing in general is a love of mine. I have a little blog that I started up earlier this year too! (BeaDux.wordpress.com)

You are without a doubt one of the most amazing people we have met! Have you always thought you wanted to model or did it just happen? Awh, that's so kind! I hadn't really thought modelling was something I could do, I'd always been a little odd looking with glasses and goofy teeth but apparently that works for some people. A friend of mine asked me to be a part of her uni project and photographers got in contact asking for my details. It all went from there.

Every time of the year seems exciting for you. You're always up to something. When is your chill time and what do you get up to? Haha, I'm an excitable person! My chill time is when I'm travelling, oddly enough. I don't like being sat at home doing nothing, so I prefer to keep busy. Recently I found myself with a lot of free time during the day so I've taken up a few courses at my local University. I work best when I'm out and about. I also sleep the best when I'm on a train or plane.

Something you wear with aplomb is your tattoos. We bet you are starting to put together quite a collection. What is your favourite piece? Ugh, this is a tough question. I have a heart scene on the back of my left arm by a friend called Sean Lyness (Black Market Tattoo) and I love that as me and my best pal Callum (often seen on my snapchat) have kinda sorta matching ones. On a similar wavelength, Lucy Chambers and I have matching No Face tattoos from Spirited Away, both by Iain Sellar (The Black Lodge).

Photographer: Tripodski









WHAT'S NEXT FOR BEA? NEXT IS CONTINUING TO TRAVEL! I'M ALSO SAVING FOR A CAR AND LOOKING AT LITTLE COTTAGES TO INHABIT. THEN I'M GONNA ADOPT A PIG. THEN BUILD A BARN AND ADOPT LOTS OF ANIMALS. THEN CREATE AN ANIMAL SANCTUARY. THEN I'M GONNA FIGURE OUT TELEPORTATION AS I'VE BEEN MEANING TO DO THAT FOR A WHILE.



It was clear from your feature you have a great figure! Where does that come from? Do you have to work for it or is it just good jeans/genes? Haha, good old fashioned vegan diet and running around like a headless chicken. My body is a bit of a bastard and it tends to let me down a lot so being able to go to a gym regularly is difficult. I have kettle bells at home and that's about as close to lifting as I'm gonna get.

Someone once asked me to describe "cool" in two words and I said Bea Dux. You're a definite icon of just generally amazingness too. Do you see yourself as a cool person? Woahh, that's a strong claim! But a lovely one, thank you. It depends how you define cool, really. Going by MY definition I'd say I was cool, yeah. But I know a lot of people would think I'm a dork. Or just a tosspot.

What are your favourite memories from your amazing modelling career so far? Shooting in several countries, essentially beginning my travels of the world thanks to my career. I've always been struck with wanderlust and being able to visit countries I've dreamt of thanks to my job is pretty amazing.

Inspiration is important to you, be it music, film or books. What is inspiring you at the moment? You're bob on with that. I tend to waffle a little too much about how important I think it is to find inspiration in whatever you can. Without sounding too much like a fucking hippy, be it architecture or a leaf you saw crumpled on the floor that made you want to paint, it's all expression and I find that so important. Art enhances your life, regardless of medium. At the moment I'm being inspired greatly by the people around me. The determination of some of my friends is astounding and empowering.

Are you a homebird or someone that prefers a night on the town? Home bird. Don't get me wrong, I LOVE a good party. But I'd much rather be at home with popcorn, by a roaring fire with a record playing in the background.

It's been a pleasure Bea. What are you up to after this interview is done? I was just looking at flights to Paris so I think I'll look at booking a little get away... or raid the fridge for hummus. I'm sure there's some in there somewhere.

You have one of the best bums going! What is your personal fave body part? My collar bones probably. Even when I was a heavy lady, my collar bones always made me look thin. Plus, with a little help, I recently discovered that they're a rather sensitive spot.

With that in mind, which person do you think has the best bum at the moment? THIS IS HARD. Aemelia Fox, Hollie Sparrow or Linzie Belle. OR Phoenix Jay or Rouge. Shit, too many babes.



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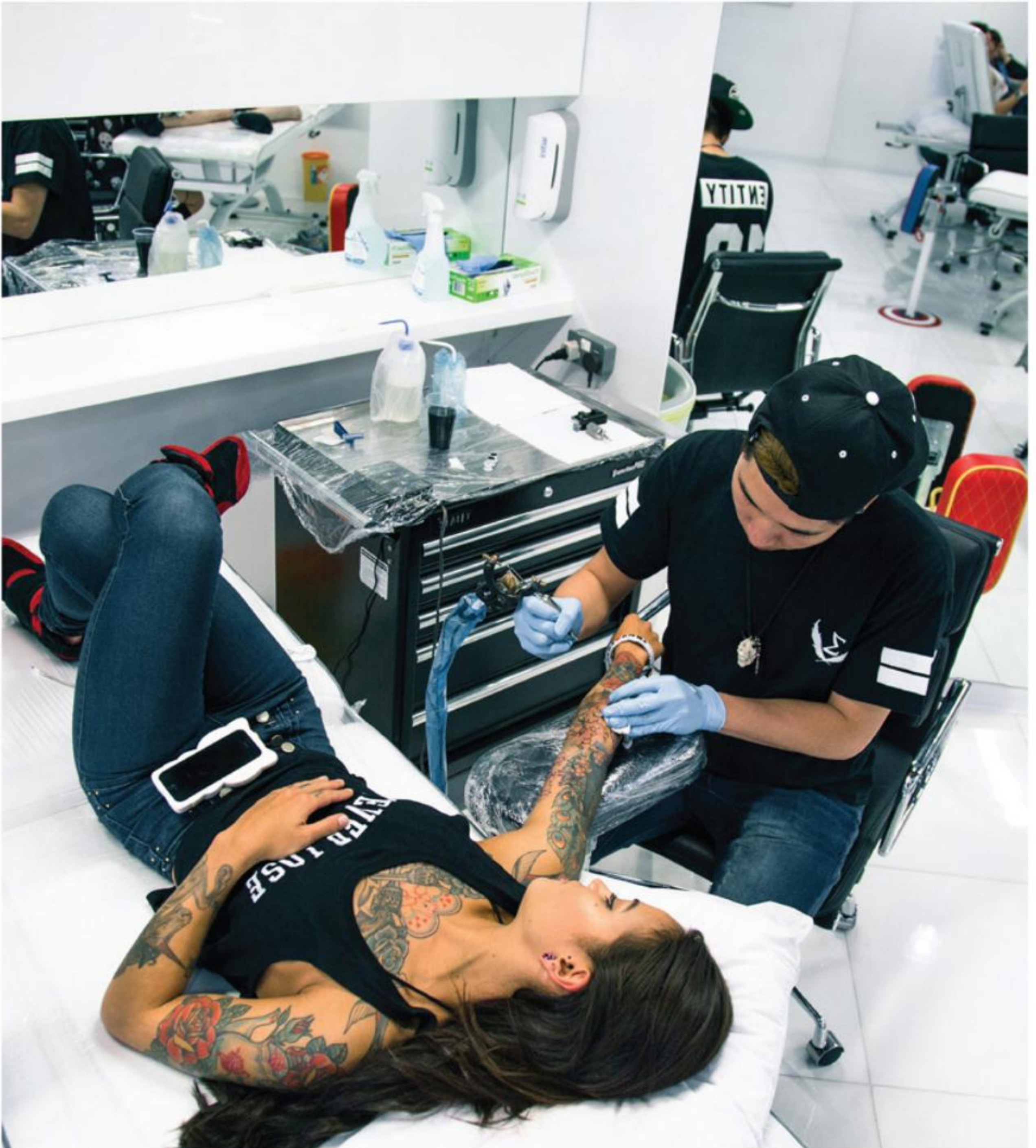
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NAYRU

Photographer: Tripodski

Hey Nayru! Welcome to Elite, tell us a bit about yourself: Hey! I'm a Suicide Girl, and I'm a bit of a nerd! I've always been into gaming, Pokemon, Lord of the Rings; I also love playing board games like Hero Quest and Zombicide. Short, nerdy, and curvy!

What was it like to work with the photographer on this shoot? Amazing! This was the first time working with him and I'm already making plans to work with him again - he was so much fun and just relaxed and such a laugh; and he creates amazing pictures!

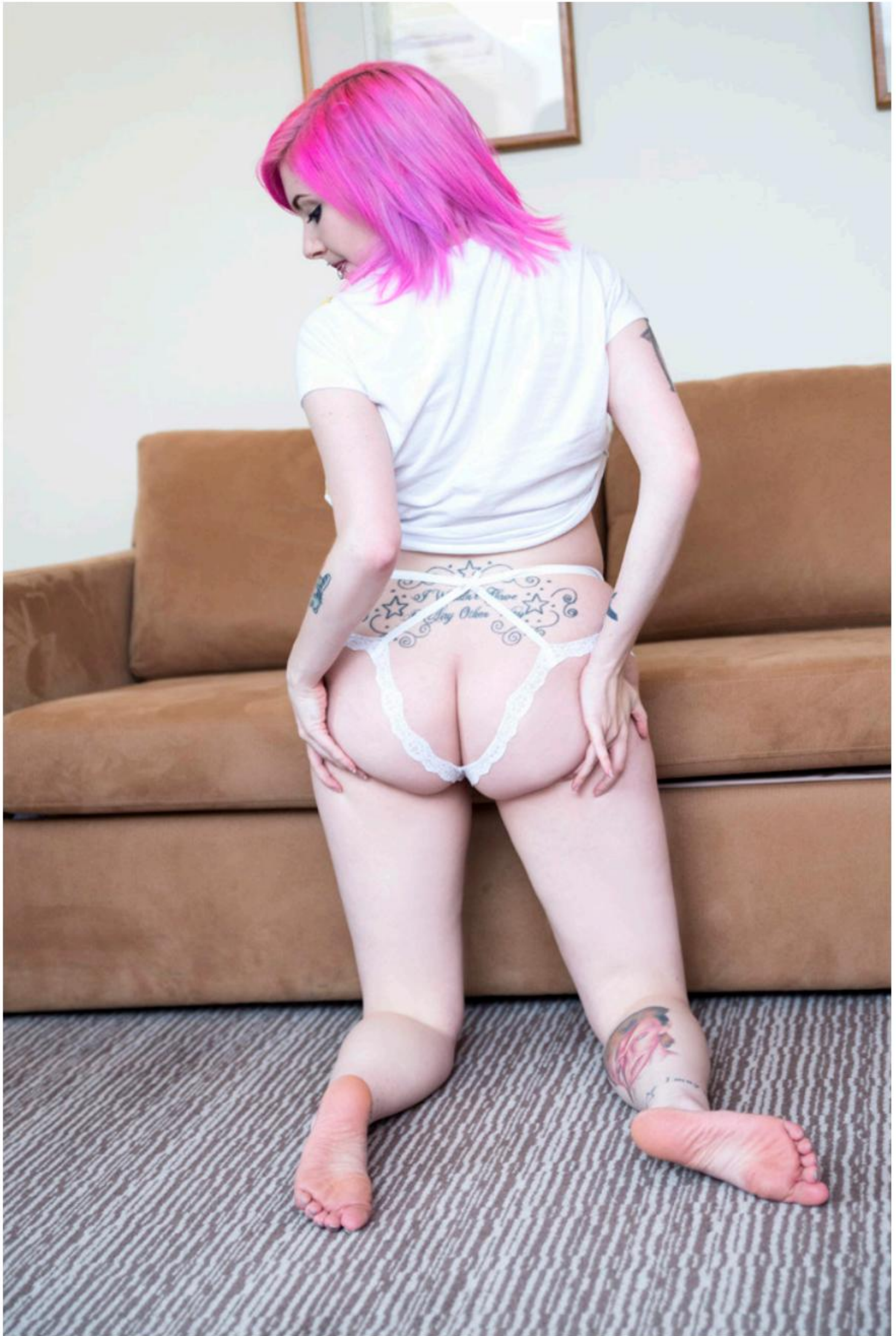
What was your favourite part of the shoot? So many to choose from! Evening just singing and acting like idiots - but I think I'll go for Tripodski seeing if he can shake his boobs as well as I can!

What's your favourite part of your body and why? I've always loved my boobs, but that's obvious so let's go for something different. I'm actually going to go for love handle! That area at the top of my hips. I like that it has a bit of softness to it!

On a scale of one to ten, how good looking are you? Oh god. I never saw myself as good looking. I was picked on and bullied at school, I never expected to come as far as I have with modelling! But my confidence has improved a lot through it. Probably a 7. Like I'm not fugly but there's still people better than me!

If you could model for any brand, product or company, which would it be and why? Ooh that's tough. I would say killstar because I've never seen them using any curvier models; they always use very slim models. I love their clothing and I know a few size 12+ girls who do as well; it would be nice to see them using more of a variety of shapes and sizes to show what the clothes look like on different body types. Either that or Curvy Kate lingerie; because they're pretty much the only brand that fits me right and I admire that they actually do have a very diverse group of models!





You're hosting an Elite sponsored jelly wrestling competition. Which four celebrity combatants will you book and why? Gordon Ramsay, Donald Trump, The Chuckle Brothers and Carol Channing. Mainly just because I feel this would be hilarious, and I'm pretty sure Trump would get his face shoved in jelly while being called a cockjuggling jizztrumpet.

What's your favourite song currently? Oh god. Um. I've been listening to Matt Skiba and the Sekrets a lot lately, but it's hard to pick one song! Maybe I Just Killed To Say I Love You. Also Joyriding by Frank Iero. And Follow You by Bring Me The Horizon. I'm no good at picking just one!

What would you like Elite readers to take away from your pictures in our illustrious mag? That you don't need to be a size 8 or have washboard abs to be sexy! And that you should just be yourself and work with what you've got!

What's a guaranteed turn on for you? Making me laugh. I have a pretty dark sense of humour. And not being afraid to act like an idiot with me.









What do you like most about Elite? So many things - that they accept different kinds of models and different sizes, they're great for helping new models get noticed. And honestly just that they're so nice! Team Elite is actually a family, it really is.





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PLAYING POKÉMON. NAKED. WHILE
TRIPODSKI TAKES PICTURES. YOU
GUYS CAN ARRANGE THAT, RIGHT?**

Photographer: Tripodski



How do you stay in such modelly perfect shape? Exercise? Diet? Good genes? Or luck?

Well I'm not really a standard model shape! I'm definitely bigger than most "normal" models. But I'm not big. A lot of people see my pictures and applaud my confidence being plus size. But I'm not plus size. I wear a size 12. Sometimes a 10. That's not plus size. It just seems like it because it's bigger than what people are used to seeing in the modelling world. Honestly, I could do with exercising more! Not to lose weight, but just to be more healthy and fit. I'm vegan and eat a reasonable diet (though as we talked about on the shoot, I'm not your average vegan - I hate salad and eat way too much ice cream!). I have big hips, naturally. I'll never be small because of it. I have big boobs naturally. Sure I could go to the gym 5 days a week and eat salad every day, but that wouldn't be me and I'd hate it. So I'm happy with how I am!





Photographer: Tripodski

FINALLY, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY TO THE ELITE READERS? THE THINGS YOU THINK ARE FLAWS ARE NOT FLAWS - THEY'RE YOU AND THEY'RE PERFECT! BE YOU AND BE AWESOME. AND MAKE SURE YOU PASS THAT ON TO THE PEOPLE YOU CARE ABOUT AND THAT THEY KNOW THEY'RE AWESOME TOO!



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STEPHANIE JO STORER

Photographer: Laughing Orc







Hey Stephanie! Welcome to Elite, tell us a bit about yourself: Hey! Thank you for having me! I'm a photo taker, a poser and a barmaid all wrapped in one. Just don't ask me to cook.

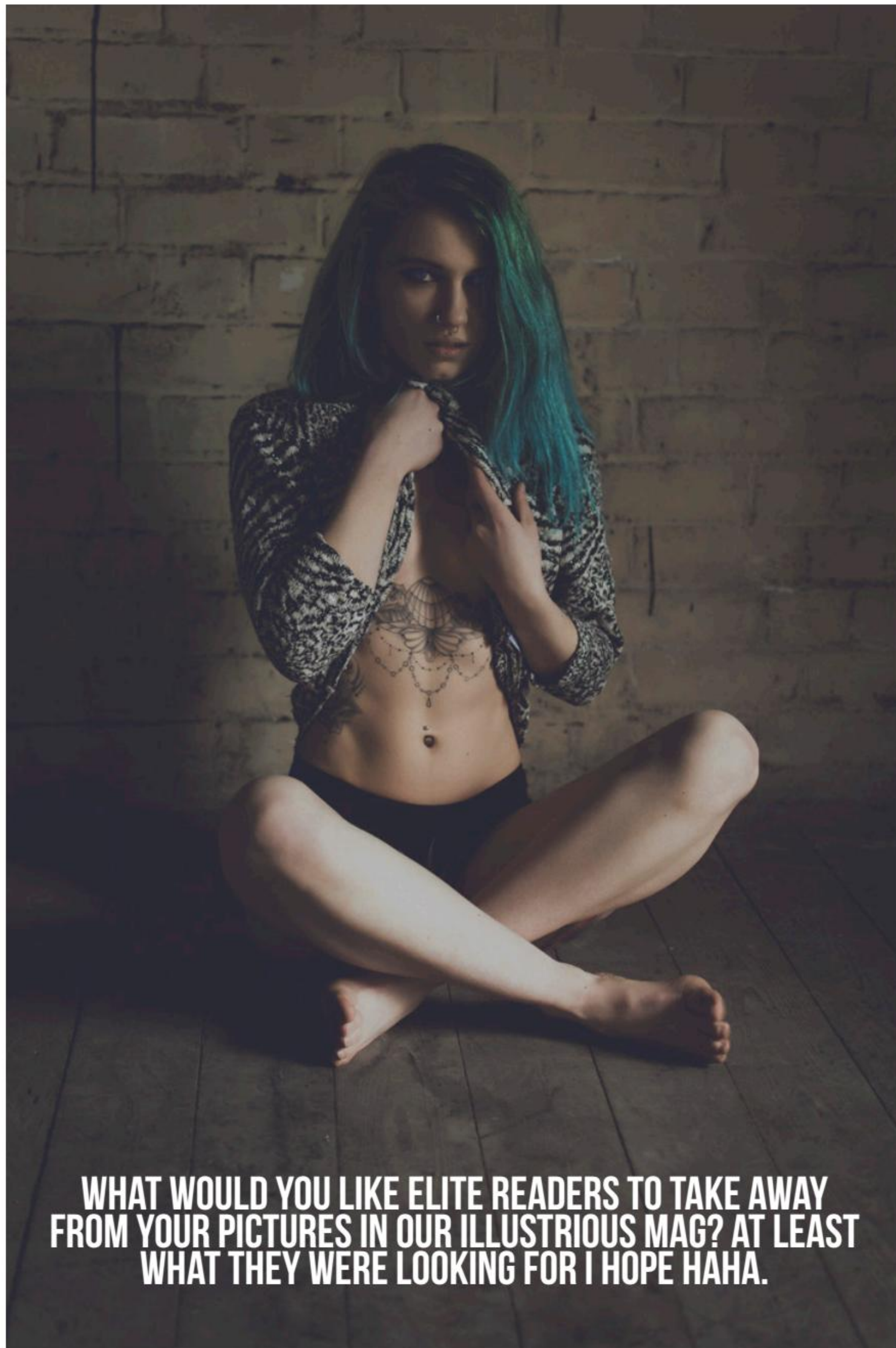
What was it like to work with the photographer on this shoot? James is amazing. I've worked with him a few times now and I'm pretty sure we will work together again.

What was your favourite part of the shoot? Tough question! I love working with James. but it's got to be shooting near the window. The light was amazing!

What's your favourite part of your body and why? I've always loved my bum! It was bigger when I was younger, but I just love it's shape now it's smaller.

On a scale of one to ten, how good looking are you? Which side you looking, I could be a 10 from the back and a 2 from the front haha.

If you could model for any brand, product or company, which would it be and why? DollsKill. Everything they sell is just so god damn cute.



**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ELITE READERS TO TAKE AWAY
FROM YOUR PICTURES IN OUR ILLUSTRIOUS MAG? AT LEAST
WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING FOR I HOPE HAHA.**



YOU'RE HOSTING AN ELITE SPONSORED JELLY WRESTLING COMPETITION.
WHICH FOUR CELEBRITY COMBATANTS WILL YOU BOOK? SCARLETT
JOHANSON, MARGOT ROBBIE, P!NK AND YOLANDI.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE SONG CURRENTLY?
OH I CAN'T PICK A FAVOURITE.

WHAT'S A GUARANTEED TURN ON FOR YOU?
GOTTA LOVE A GOOD KISS ON THE NECK.

DESCRIBE YOUR PERFECT PHOTOSHOOT: AMAZING LIGHT CONDITIONS, AT
A INCREDIBLE LOCATION WITH A FABULOUS PHOTOGRAPHER AND A SHIT
LOAD OF SNACKS.

HOW DO YOU STAY IN SUCH MODELLY PERFECT SHAPE? EXERCISE? DIET?
GOOD GENES? OR LUCK? I GUESS JUST GOOD GENES AND POT LUCK!

Photographer: Laughing Orc





**WHAT DO YOU
LIKE MOST ABOUT
ELITE? THE GIRLS
YOU FEATURE ARE
BLOODY BEAUTIFUL,
SO IT'S A HUGE
COMPLIMENT THAT
THEY HAVE ME IN
HERE TOO!**



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A woman with long dark hair and numerous colorful tattoos on her arms and legs is posing against a white background. She is wearing a red and black plaid crop top and a matching plaid skirt. Her hands are behind her head, and she has a slight smile. The tattoos include a large blue and yellow design on her right upper arm, a black and white design on her left upper arm, and a large blue and yellow design on her right lower leg.

Chloe Karnage

Photographer: Tripodski



Hey Chloe! Welcome to Elite, tell us a bit about yourself: Hey Elite! Okay well I'm a 27 year old scouser from Liverpool. I've been modelling for 6-7 years now but only recently started doing glamour work. I'm a crazy cat lady and have a serious addiction for chicken haha.

What was it like to work with the photographer on this shoot? It was exciting and so much fun! I've been following Elite for a while so would always see Tripodski's work. I was so happy when I found out it was him who I'd be shooting with.

What was your favourite part of the shoot? I loved how comfortable I was made to feel by the team and the choice of music whilst shooting made the shoot that extra bit more fun!

What's your favourite part of your body and why? I love my waist haha! It's so small considering how big my bum and thighs are haha.

On a scale of one to ten, how good looking are you? Oh god what an odd question! Haha ermmobviously O'm not going to be one of those girls who says "I'm so ugly waah" I like I how I look, but obviously like everyone I have flaws. I'd give myself a 6 or 7.

You're hosting an Elite sponsored jelly wrestling competition. Which four celebrity combatants will you book and why? Olivia Wilde - like I need a reason. Seth Rogan - because he's one of the funniest people alive and would definitely have everyone in stitches. Margot Robbie, but only if she came as Harley Quinn, then her and Olivia Wilde can wrestle and finally I'd book The Rock as he's my idol and then I can run away with him.



**IF YOU COULD MODEL FOR ANY
BRAND, PRODUCT OR COMPANY,
WHICH WOULD IT BE AND WHY?
KILLSTAR OR BLACK MILK
CLOTHING, THEY'RE MY ALL TIME
FAVOURITE BRANDS! I WON'T
WEAR ANYTHING ELSE! THEY'RE
JUST SO UNIQUE AND QUIRKY.**

Photographer: Tripodski







What's your favourite song currently? Fall Out Boy - Immortals haha! Ever since I watched Big Hero 6, I can't stop listening to it.

What would you like Elite readers to take away from your pictures in our illustrious mag? Hopefully an open mind. I'm not like every other tattooed 10/10 alt model out there.

What's a guaranteed turn on for you? Tickling my neck.

Describe your perfect photoshoot: Mess and being naked. Anything that involves loads of mess, weather it be fake blood, food, mud, anything messy!

How do you stay in such modelly perfect shape? Exercise? Diet? Good genes? Or luck? I don't think I'm in shape at all haha! Definitely need to work on that, I have a personal trainer now who helps me out :) But I think I'd definitely be a lot bigger if it wasn't for me being so athletic growing up haha. Seriously. My thighs are bigger than most men's haha.

What do you like most about Elite? I love that it's so open to every type of model. There's no favouritism or specific body type you guys stick to.



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ANYTHING YOU WOULD
LIKE TO SAY TO THE
ELITE READERS? HOPING
YOU GUYS LIKED MY
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Photographer: Gemma Edwards

Bellezaloca





Hey Bellezaloca! Welcome to Elite, tell us a bit about yourself:

Hey Elite and Elite readers. Thank you for this amazing opportunity. So where to start? I'm older than I look, and will accept any age younger than I am! I'm a Scottish lass living just outside London. I've been here 11 years and still have my accent. I have an unhealthy obsession for leopard print, skull and cross bones, unicorns and Flamingos.. I incorporate them into my outfits daily... I'm a professional dog cuddler... well maybe not quite, but it's what I do the majority of the day. I work in a doggy day crèche and I'm currently in the process of starting my own walking and boarding business. I love Southern Rock and Country. I'm a total wannabe biker chick and drink rum like a Pirate.

What was it like to work with the photographer on this shoot?

I loved working with Gemma. She's SG royalty and a total babe.. She's got an amazing talent as well as having a real calming effect. If it wasn't for her I wouldn't be telling you all this!

What was your favourite part of the shoot? It has to be the positive feedback from the other girls there. I'm not the most confident, and never dreamed of shooting with so many people around, but I felt at ease and comfortable and I think it shows in my pictures. The girls at this year's SGUK shootfest were amazing. Also I got to change outfits and styles. I'm a little indecisive at times!

What's your favourite part of your body and why? I'd have to say my eyes. They change colour. Like mood stones. They change from bright blue to dark grey. I've never had to curl my eyelashes or wear false ones either. They are naturally pretty long.

Photographer: Gemma Edwards



On a scale of one to ten, how good looking are you? Haha, I don't know how to answer this... I'm sure I look like I've crawled from under a bridge first thing in the morning?! I'd say I'm just over midway... maybe a 7 when I make an effort.

If you could model for any brand, product or company, which would it be and why?

In NO way am I in the same category but to model for someone like Ford Models or or Elite Model Management would be beyond my wildest dreams. To be up there or part of an agency and team that brought us classic beauties like Cindy Crawford, Elle Mcpherson and Tyra Banks would be better than a life's supply of chocolate!

You're hosting an Elite sponsored jelly wrestling competition. Which four celebrity combatants will you book and why?

I'm good at hosting, so to draw in the masses I gotta cater for guys and gals alike: First, Jennifer Lawrence. She doesn't take herself too serious, always up for a laugh. Personally I think that's a hot personality trait. She'd look good covered in Jelly. Then Taylor Swift. Not everyone's cup of tea, but I love her. She's a little goofy and awkward and I can totally relate. Jensen Ackles. Because Jensen Ackles. Finally, Zac Efron... OK he's just a guilty pleasure that most girls and guys would wanna see cover in Jelly!



What's your favourite song currently? I have many, but I'd say the one that I sing along to and never gets old (even though it's fairly new) is The Cadillac Three: This Accent.

What would you like Elite readers to take away from your pictures in our illustrious mag? I'd love readers to think I'm not just a shallow, "pretty face" seeking attention. Unfortunately a lot of girls that model - whether it be alternative or glamour - get tarred with this brush. Yes, some may be... but the majority of us are really quite self conscious. "Never judge a book by its cover". So to speak.

What's a guaranteed turn on for you? I'm a sucker for seeing a person's soft side. Unmasked and caring. Just raw feelings and gentleness...buuuut saying that I love being taken control of and getting told bluntly how things are going to happen... and a strong back and nice forearms are a good shout too.

Describe your perfect photoshoot: Somewhere abroad, maybe a quiet tropical Island. Good music, lots of cocktails and as candid as possible. I'd love to shoot with other people. I think that would be so much fun.

How do you stay in such modelly perfect shape? Exercise? Diet? Good genes? Or luck? At the moment I have a very active job. I'm outdoors and on my feet walking for 7 hours daily. Plus boisterous pooches can be a bit of an upper body workout too. I try to eat healthy at work and home too... but tend to give in to the heavenly temptation of chocolate, pizza and a cheeky beer or Guinness. I guess I'm a little lucky, I'm always picking holes in myself and trying to improve. I just need the motivation and will power. No gym membership for me...

What do you like most about Elite? It's a magazine that keeps me reading. Never a dull article. Always amazing promotions and brands Not to mention the girls are total BABES! What's not to like?!







A woman with long, wavy pink hair is posing nude in a living room. She is looking over her shoulder at the camera, with her arms crossed over her chest and one hand resting on her hip. She is wearing a black choker and a ring. The background features a wooden cabinet, a striped armchair, and a framed picture on the wall.

Finally, is there anything you would like to say to the Elite Readers? Thanks for reading! I know I talk a lot if I'm not interrupted. Feel free to follow my Instagram @bellezaloca_ for a somewhat sexy but awkward girl next door mix of posts. A glimpse into my personal little world...





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Photographer: Tripodski

Rika



Hey Rika! Welcome to Elite, tell us a bit about yourself: Hi Elite, thanks for having me! I am Italian, from Naples, and have lived in UK for the last 9 years, in London now. I like traveling as much as I can and exploring. I have been modeling on and off for the last 2-3 years now but have been pretty lazy as always with it, BUT I'm back now!

What was it like to work with the photographer on this shoot? I laughed so hard! Wish all the shoots were like this! Having Tripodski singing Queen high-pitched whilst shooting my bum was amazing.

What was your favourite part of the shoot? When I was offered to marriage make sure I can stay in England forever because of BREXIT haha! Such a gent!

What's your favourite part of your body and why? 'I like big butts and I cannot lie' and I'm constantly trying to grow mine bigger, but it's already my favourite part I guess.

If you could model for any brand, product or company, which would it be and why? It could probably be Agent Provocateur, I love their stuff lately and can't afford it most of the time so would kill two birds with one stone ha!

You're hosting an Elite sponsored jelly wrestling competition. Which four celebrity combatants will you book and why? Definitely Margot Robbie as Harley Quinn; Dita Von Teese, would love to see her getting dirty; Leonardo Di Caprio for obvious reasons and Nicki Minaj maybe..

What's your favourite song currently? I have been playing on repeat the whole album 'Hairball' from Nai Harvest for I can't remember how long.





ON A SCALE OF ONE TO TEN, HOW GOOD LOOKING ARE YOU?
OH NO I HATE THESE QUESTIONS, CAN I GIVE MYSELF AN AVERAGE 6
AND LET EVERYONE ELSE HAVE AN OPINION ON THIS?

**HOW DO YOU STAY IN SUCH MODELLY
PERFECT SHAPE? EXERCISE? DIET?
GOOD GENES? OR LUCK? SOME
OF IT IS DEFINITELY GENES, BUT I
HAVE STARTED EXERCISING QUITE
REGULARLY NOW. I GO TO THE GYM
PROBABLY 4-5 TIMES A WEEK, AND
I TRY AND KEEP MY DIET QUITE
HEALTHY.. I CANNOT GIVE UP MY
CARBS THOUGH, I'M A PIZZA QUEEN!**

Photographer: Tripodski







WHAT'S A GUARANTEED TURN ON FOR YOU?
CLEVER AND FUNNY. SARCASM PREFERRED.



What would you like Elite readers to take away from your pictures in our illustrious mag?

Hopefully you're into Italian chicks now, and not just for spag bol..

Describe your perfect photoshoot: Maybe one on the beach with some food very close to me and a lot of rum.

What do you like most about Elite? It was a long time I wanted to be part of it and has finally happened. I couldn't be happier, it's a great mag, the people that are behind it are the coolest!

Photographer: Tripodski



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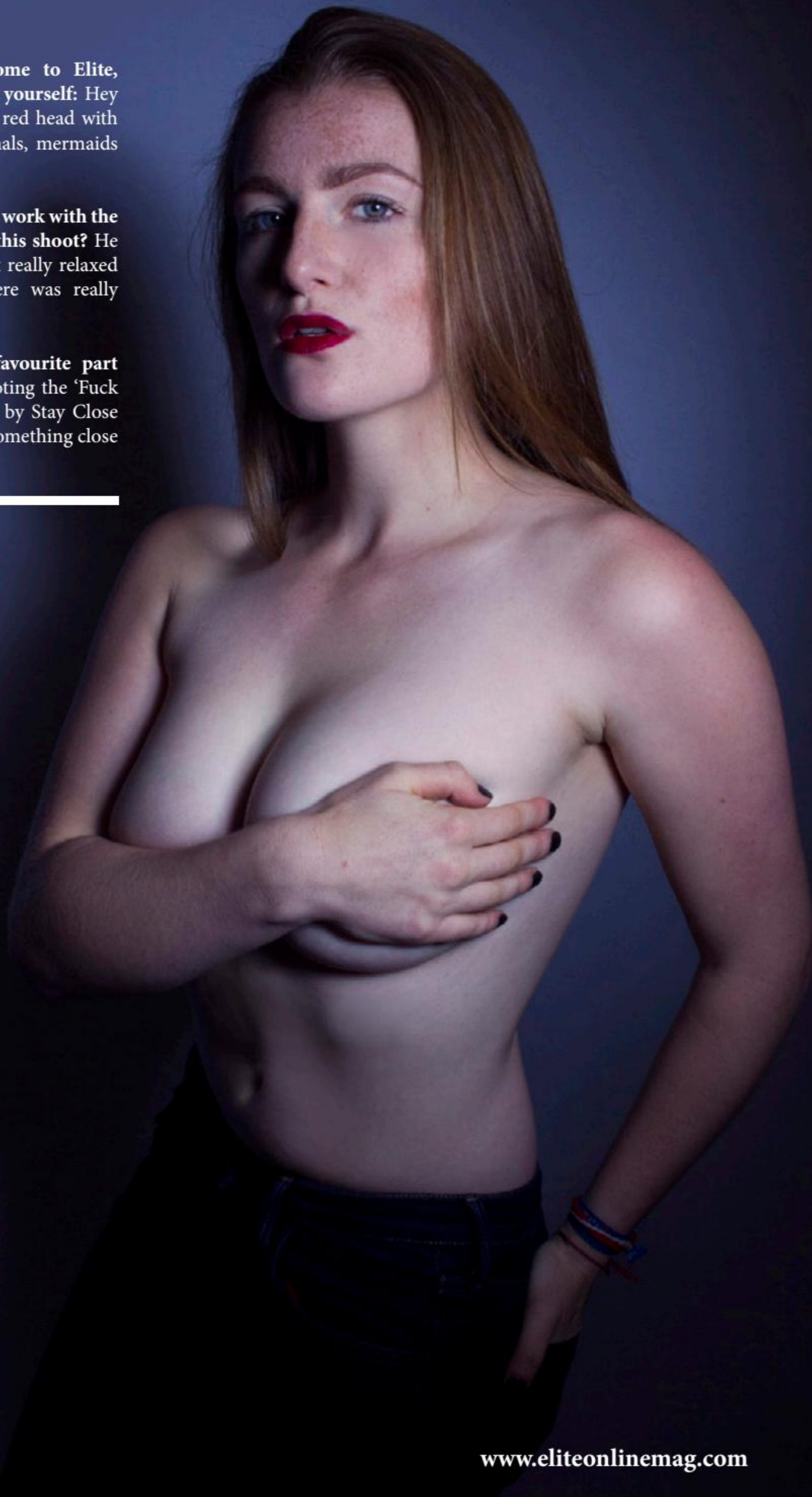
ARIEL

Photographer: ATOM

Hey Ariel! Welcome to Elite, tell us a bit about yourself: Hey Elite! I am a feisty red head with a passion for animals, mermaids and sport!

What was it like to work with the photographer on this shoot? He is so friendly, I felt really relaxed and the atmosphere was really laid back.

What was your favourite part of the shoot? Shooting the 'Fuck the Hunt' clothing by Stay Close Clothing - as it is something close to my heart.





**WHAT'S A GUARANTEED
TURN ON FOR YOU?
INTELLIGENCE! I'M SO
ATTRACTED TO SOMEONE
WHO CAN TALK SCIENCE.
AN ATHLETIC BODY IS A
GOOD ONE TOO.**

Photographer: ATOM





What's your favourite part of your body and why? I like my bum because it represents 11 years of being in sport and all the hard work haha.

On a scale of one to ten, how good looking are you? I'd like to think I was at least average ha but honestly I can't do that, my personality is a 10 though :D

If you could model for any brand, product or company, which would it be and why? Nike or Adidas due to the sport element or someone like Calvin Klein - all the photos are so classically beautiful.

You're hosting an Elite sponsored jelly wrestling competition. Which four celebrity combatants will you book and why? Britney Spears - because I fancy her so much; Terry Crews for the laughs; The Rock as I'd love to see him and Terry Crews battle it out and Nicola Adams, as she is hard as nails.

What's your favourite song currently?
Bad - David Guetta

What would you like Elite readers to take away from your pictures in our illustrious mag? Body confidence.

Describe your perfect photoshoot:
Martin Smith is a genius, on a beach, puppies everywhere, surfboards and a VW camper haha.

How do you stay in such modelly perfect shape? Exercise? Diet? Good genes? Or luck? I've been an athlete my whole life and when I've not been in sport specifically, I've just continued to train for health. I like to eat healthily and everything in moderation.

What do you like most about Elite?
There's a chance for anyone to be involved!



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After announcing their return to the UK back in February, American glam-rock/metal favourites Steel Panther finished their short 4 date arena tour at the home of metal at Birmingham's Barclaycard Arena. There was a lot of anticipation from fans leading up to this tour with support coming from the pop-punk giants Bowling for Soup and rock veterans Buckcherry.

First on the bill were the American rockers Buckcherry who were bringing a wealth of experience to the proceedings. With over 20 years and 7 studio albums under their belts, there was high expectancy amongst the Brummie crowd. From the opening track of their 7 track set 'Sunshine', Buckcherry carried a raw rock sound that had every member of the audience nodding their heads and tapping their feet to. The high energy produced throughout by every member of the band certainly projected in leaps and bounds, and the audience enjoyed a small selection of the band's back

catalogue with tracks such as 'Gluttony' and 'Lit Up' before enjoying an extended version of the band's most recognised hit 'Crazy Bitch'.

After a brief interval, pop-punk giants Bowling for Soup took to the stage with their unusual cartoon style introduction music. Off the back of a big UK tour themselves, you could certainly feel the excitement amongst every member of the audience who were expecting a big selection of fan favourites. Bowling for Soup also have over 20 years of experience, and have recently released their 10th studio album 'Drunk Dynasty'. The band began with a classic track 'The Bitch Song' which had a wonderful pace and feel about it, and you could tell that this is what the audience had come to expect on a cold October night in Birmingham. The audience enjoyed a nice 10 track set list which featured many

of Bowling for Soup's classic original tracks such as 'High School Never Ends', '1985' and 'Girl All The Bad Guys Want', as well as their cover of the Fountains of Wayne hit 'Stacy's Mom'.

It was time for the main event; Steel Panther ran onto the stage with a high level of charisma, and opened their with their big hit 'Eyes of a Panther'. Somehow, Steel Panther always know how to project their high levels of energy across to their audience, and you could certainly feel this from the get go! Michael Starr and the band have established themselves as the comedy band of the Metal genre, and they never fail to disappoint the audience with hilarious one-liners and stories in between their tracks. As the band are

currently in the process of recording their 4th studio album, this tour was to showcase hits from their previous 3 studio albums, and they certainly did this on a big scale! Including the encore track 'Party All Day (Fuck All Night)', the audience were treated to a big 16-track set list including '17 Girls In A Row', 'Asian Hooker' 'Girl From Oklahoma' and many more highlights including a spellbinding guitar and drum solo from Satchel! Overall, this night ended a small, yet special UK arena tour in style, and Steel Panther showed just why heavy metal is certainly not dead in the Music industry!

Words by Kristofer Billingham



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DANCE GAVIN DANCE

After being a band for a whole decade and releasing eight studio albums Sacramento Prog Rockers Dance Gavin Dance have a lot to talk about. Elite caught up with guitarist Will Swan in Brighton on the second night of their UK leg of the 10 year anniversary tour to talk about touring their new album, how it feels to be on the road with four vocalists, why touring with an injured leg is bad and loads of other things.

You just started the UK leg of this tour last night in Oxford. How did you like it so far and is there anything in particular that you're looking forward to?

W: Definitely London! It's my favourite of the cities here but it's definitely cool to see a few different places in the UK because usually we just play just a few and on this tour we play a lot more. It'll definitely give me a better perspective on the country itself.

You're still on the 10 year anniversary tour of Dance Gavin Dance. How does it feel to be a band for a whole decade now and is there anything specific you look back on and think "How on earth did that happen"?

W: Not really to be honest. I don't look back or forward too much and try to focus on doing the task at hand. It's kind of how I've gotten through everything.

It certainly feels like it's gone by really fast. When I do look back it all seems like a blur. Like I could go back to the beginning of the band in my head and it doesn't feel so far off. Time just moves so fast, man! Especially when you try to stay in the moment it is crazy to think of all the things that we've been through just to keep everything together. (laughs)

After all these years of touring. How does it feel to be on the road again with Jonny (Craig) and Kurt (Travis)?

W: It's fun, man! It's like a stroll down memory lane. It's definitely something interesting and unique for a band

to do because we're in a kind of interesting situation with how the band's progressed. We did this tour in the US and it went great so we decided to do one more "last hurrah" with this ten year anniversary thing before we, you know, move on to "Mothership".

When the tour started did you revisit old times or old funny stories a lot? Were you nostalgic?

W: Yeah, for sure! There are a lot of insane memories, man! (laughs). Not too many I can share, unfortunately. (laughs)

There's a lot of pictures of your US tour showing Tilian (Pearson) wearing crutches. What happened there?

W: It was a Basketball injury. I wasn't there so I don't know, like, the logistics of the injury (laughs). I just know that it sucked! He was on crutches for almost a month of tour but now he's got a cane. Touring like that is not fun, man! I remember breaking my ankle jumping off of a stage once on tour and then I had to do the rest of the tour with standing on just one leg on stage and it's shitty! (laughs). Touring already has a lot of things that you have to get through and then not being mobile makes everything a lot harder.

Considering that You, Matt (Mingus) and Jon (Mess) also play in your side project "Secret Band" could you ever imagine going on a tour that had both bands on the line up? Would you even want to?

W: I don't think it would be possible for Jon to do double sets so I don't really see that happening to be honest.

If it was possible I sure would want to do that without wanting to sound like a super poser but realistically speaking I think it would be too much for Jon. Secret Band is super intensive with Jon doing all of the vocals and he really doesn't make it easy on himself with his writing style but I like what he does.

I mean we both grew up listening to bands where I would go to a show and the vocalist had a lot of trouble even doing half of his parts. (laughs)

I was always super stoked every time I went because, I'm sure you understand, it's crazy shit!

If you're doing fry screaming it might be possible but having to scream at full volume all of the time you got to give your voice a little space to breathe because it's a really destructive style.

A lot of Vocalists have to adjust their style because of what they do but Jon is still kicking it after all those years!

Your new album "Mothership" came out in early October and it contains a song about the "Young Robot" Did you plan to sort of revisit the robot with human hair story after killing him on "Acceptance Speech" and make a prequel or was it spontaneous?

W: We definitely didn't plan that. We never know what we're gonna do, man. (laughs)

Sometimes when I'm writing I feel like "Oh shit, this is kind of feeling like it could be a song about the robot" or "This could be a [Strawberry] Swisher And then once I get that in my head I want to try and make it into a song that could be a robot.

It just depends on the inspiration and the moment of writing. Sometimes it could even come down to vocals and then becomes something like that. But most of the time it's definitely more unplanned than people think.

I never go into a record and think: "We have to get a sequel for this, this or this." I don't want to give myself a sort of tunnel vision while writing and therefore limit myself.

If something happens where it seems like it could be a sequel we will push towards that but otherwise we don't try to make it happen when it's not happening.

Now that you're saying that you're pretty much answering the next question: How did you get the idea of including rap parts into songs like Chocolate Jackalope or Acceptance Speech?

W: Usually it's pretty spontaneous as well, yeah. We've got two vocalists so I don't want to do something where it's gonna take up something that they would do tight so I hardly ever try to plan, like: "Oh this is gonna be me rapping here." That never really happens. In the studio maybe someone might think that this or that might be cool but yeah, as I said, It's never really planned. (laughs)

Why the Drake reference?

W: I think it's just comedy, pretty much. All the raps I do are kind of sarcastic, or "funny or putting on a character. When I was doing the rap on Acceptance Speech, for example, I was just pretending to be the Death Grips guy. Same with the Drake reference.

It's tongue and cheek, really. It's a matter of not taking ourselves too seriously.

Jon and Tilian seem to be working together quite well but have there ever been problems between the two of them arguing whether to use clean singing or screaming in a specific part?

W: Not really. I think it just kind of comes down to the flow and making sure everything works correctly in the studio. That's also where a lot of stuff comes together really quick so nobody is trying to push too hard. It's more like: "Let's make this work and do what's best for the songs."

I think it's a good energy between the two of them and the producer and everybody just being on the same page with things like "this should be this or that" and that will only change if somebody comes up with something super tight that's not expected and then we'll start moving things around to see how it fits into the song but usually it works out well between them.

The album cover for "Mothership" shows a big infinity sign. Why did you choose this as the shape of the mother ship on the cover considering it's a very commonly used sign?

W: First of all it's our eighth album so we were digging for something to incorporate that and then thought it would be cool to flip it over into the infinity symbol.

For the last three albums and "Happiness" we came up with a concept for the cover and then gave it to our artist rather than using the stuff that he already had.

The idea for this album was people sort of worshipping this huge "Infinity Ship" within this mountain scape and he came back to us with that and we were pretty stoked. Initially we wanted another baroque ship like the Death Star is but he just did such a cool ass job with that

Now to cap it off: Have you got any tips or advice for young musicians who are just starting out in terms of touring, being in a band or anything in general?

W: Keep your taste varied. Don't just listen to one thing because there's a lot of bands who just try to rip off the bands that they like and make sure to focus on the music. Write good songs and try to expand yourself as an artist. That's how you get peoples attention and not by trying to put on a show or dressing a certain way or pulling off certain moves during a set. That's all the icing on the cake but if your cake is bad it's not gonna taste good, you know. You gotta have that base of solid music and performance and if that's not there everything else becomes kind of worthless. Keep moving forward!

Thank you very much!

Words by Niklas Benedum



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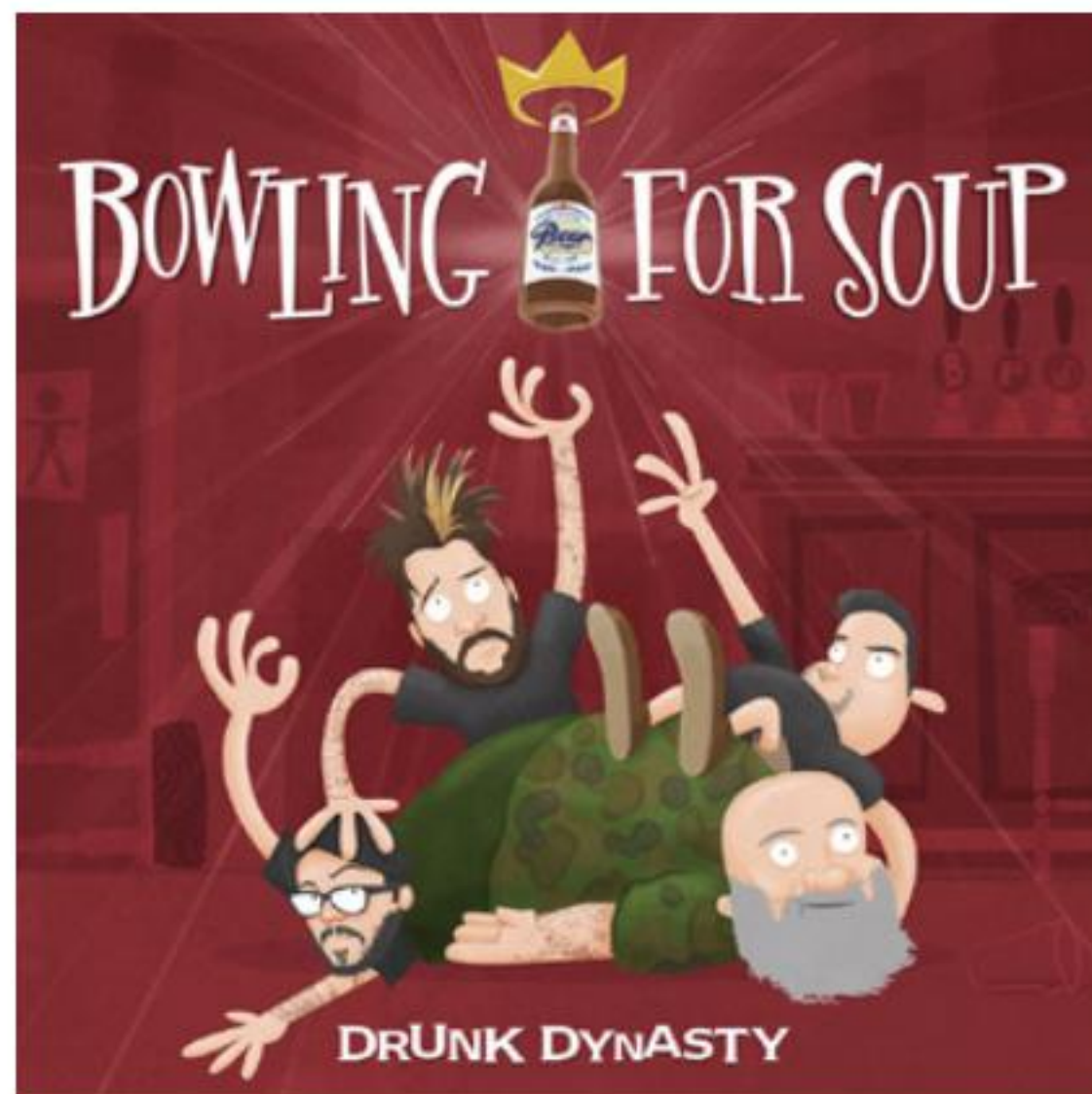
65daysofstatic - One Time For All Time (re-issue)
Monotreme Records | Release Date: 18th November 2016

Re-issues are always a bit difficult. Sometimes it's better to leave an album, or any piece of art for that matter, the way it was initially fabricated in order to maintain its value. To conserve the effect it has on people. Re-analysing, re-experiencing and re-visiting it could potentially strip the piece of that specific aura and the personal effect it has on you.

This is not the case for Sheffield based quartet 65daysofstatic who are re-releasing their 2005 album "One Time For All Time" on vinyl. Giving it a little make-over in order for it to shine again. Time will tell whether or not it was the right decision to dig up this record again. Even after over ten years of existing their energetic mix between post-rock, shoegaze and electronic instruments is able to take you into a world that you have never seen before but seems so strangely familiar from the very start. Their intense mix between vast, atmospheric soundscapes and energetic, sometimes even hectic, glitchy sample-drum staccatos which are glued together by dreamy, playful melodies might not be a very easy listen but it puts a certain feeling of pensiveness into sound that we all have felt before and were unable to describe its intensity to full extend.

As fickle and dangerous re-releases might be sometimes it can be a good decision to take a trip down memory lane for you might find something that you completely forgot was there in the first place. This album will give you something you didn't know you needed.

Words by Niklas Benedum



Bowling For Soup - Drunk Dynasty
Brando Records/ Que-So Records
 Release Date: 11th November 2016

Where for some bands at an age of nearly 23 years, writing witty punk songs seems awkward, Bowling For Soup take this in their stride for Drunk Dynasty, their first release in three years, as this album is just brilliant!

Lyrically, Vocalist Jaret Reddick covers many topics including aspects of married life (Go To Bed Mad), a message to a former partner (Shit To Do) and the disappearance of respect and chivalry (Don't Be A Dick) which is all wrapped up with that hilarious tongue-in-cheek and classic feel good vibe we all know and love Bowling For Soup for, with a definite highlight being the lyric "You change your mind more than I change underwear" on track Stop Doing That. A touch of genius! But, while still having that less serious side present, the band opt for a different sound and embrace their Texan roots on country track Drinkin' Beer On A Sunday, which shows the diversity of the band and closes the album nicely, cementing the fact that everything is going to be alright.

Leaving you with a smile on your face and worth every listen, this album is a fantastic addition to Bowling For Soup's discography and is a winner from the get go.

Words by James D Maxim





Enter Shikari - Live at Alexandra Palace
Play It Again Sam | Release Date: 18th November 2016

“Greetings carbon based life forms” hollas an excited Rou Reynolds, who alongside his fellow three bandmates, is looking out on 10,000 people.

If you weren’t one of the lucky ones to be there that night, you missed out on a spectacle. It was a show packed with incredible graphics, stunning lighting, and was performed in quadrophonic sound. So how do you translate that into a live album? Pretty easily apparently. The carnage causing ‘Slipshod’/’The Jester’ remix still sounds huge and ‘Radiate’ goes to a whole new level of beautiful madness. ‘Dear Future Historians’ is tear-inducing as Rou’s emotion translates through the record, and fan-favourites such as ‘Gandhi, Mate Gandhi’, ‘Mothership’ and the monumental closer of ‘The Appeal and the Mindsweep II’ simply slay. By the end, it’s not just Alexandra Palace that has been torn in two, it’s you at home as well. It leaves you with goosebumps allowing you to imagine just how it would have felt to be there.

Through the spoken word interludes, the remixes, the cheers of a unified crowd and every chord and melody performed, you can feel passion, power and a complete loss of inhibition. That visceral happiness is what Enter Shikari are all about and ‘Live at Alexandra Palace’ illustrates that perfectly.

Words by **Alice Hoddinott**



Exist Immortal - Breathe
Primordial Records | Release Date: 28th October 2016

It would be really easy to pen Exist Immortal into the bracket of “djent” but there’s a whole lot more to their sound than spazzy riffing, drop tuning and smashing the open notes. Breathe boasts intelligent song writing, utilising the more coherent aspects of the djent genre as a vessel to compose truly magnificent, end to end songs.

The standout moment of the record comes in the form of frontman Meyrick De La Fuente’s vocal performance on lead single Follow Alone. This really is one you’ll have stuck in your head for days and days. The guitars are rather Periphery, whereas the vocals take more of a gargantuan Dan Tompkins vibe, but the vocal hook on the chorus will really get you. As with any groovy tech epic there’s a killer solo to put a nerdy music gurn on your face.

After being taken on a journey through the different approaches to tech metal, it’s left us feeling like Breathe is the perfect introduction album for people who haven’t dipped their toes into the genre before.

Easy to listen to in one sitting, Breathe never has a dull moment and pacifies out need for catchy vocal hooks and techy riffage.

Words by **Kris Aarre**





Frank Iero and the Patience - Parachutes

Hassle Records | Release Date: 28th October 2016

Previously recording under the name frnkiero and the cellabration, 'Parachutes' comes from the same people, only this time they're Frank Iero and the Patience. 'Parachutes' feels like progression and growth and it feels like Frank Iero is finally at home. Opening track 'World Destroyer' is devastatingly beautiful and sounds BIG, a feeling which weaves its way throughout the album right to its end. 'I'm A Mess' is a frantic, bouncy crowd pleaser and 'Dear Percocet, I Don't Think We Should See Each Other Anymore.' is grizzly and raw, just the way this band should be. Frank's vocals ooze with a new found confidence even when they're exposed in 'Miss Me', a cute and meaningful country-esque number, and it's so good to hear.

In places, 'Parachutes' feels a little long and samey but where it thrives it really explodes and makes an impression on you. Frank Iero and the Patience is a new era for the band and this time it feels very right.

Words by Alice Hoddinott



I Prevail - Lifelines

Fearless Records | Release Date: 21st October 2016

'Lifelines' does what it says on the tin. It is a lifeline for anyone who feels lost, alone, down and outcast. It's full of powerful riffs, a lot of passion and lyrics that will probably save some lives.

I Prevail have emerged at a time where their scene is thriving. Bands such as Beartooth, Of Mice and Men and Issues are touring the world and with such influences and friends as these, it is obvious that I Prevail too could be doing so to the same level of success. Citing those bands leads to the only negative about Lifelines. Many of the riffs and vocals sound similar to those of the aforementioned, for example 'Already Dead' sounds all too familiar. Having said that, it's a sound which is most loved and will propel them to finding new fans worldwide.

The riffs are heavy, the gang vocals are strong and above all the lyrics are poignant. Whether it be in the chants of 'RISE' or the unifying 'Outcast', there are words for every underdog in this album. In some ways, it feels like a record for I Prevail themselves as much it does the fans; they are the underdogs and with a bit of hard work and craft, they will rise just as high as those they admire.

Words by Alice Hoddinott





In Flames - Battles

Nuclear Blast | Release Date: 11th November 2016

Swedish metal legends In Flames are back with their twelfth full length release with new record Battles. The once genre defining band have been winding down their career with sub par and poorly received releases of late, so can the Gothenburg journeymen recreate the glory days?

The short answer to this review? No. The long answer? The music has no balls anymore, they've been cut off and thrown in the bin along with their ambitious ideas and revolutionary riffing. Songs like 'The End' and 'Like Sand' are more watered down than cheap beer and about as flat too. There's no snarl in Anders Friden's delivery as he seems to have succumbed to the modern day metalcore vocalists. The structures are the same and it's all very predictable from start to finish with very little turns of pace or surprises. 'Through My Eyes' does to its credit sound like the In Flames of old with frantic riffs and drum patterns in the verses and one of the best choruses on the record.

That's also what our problem is with Battles, the songs are alright by today's standards with infectious vocal lines and the choruses will no doubt sound huge live, but we don't want US radio rock anthems from the Swedes. This isn't what we expect from one of the genre's brightest and ambitious sons. Has age played a part in this? Who knows. A lot of people have given up on In Flames long before we have, but it might be time for us to check out.

Words by **Joshua Clarke**



Sick Of It All - When The Smoke Clears EP

Century Media Records | Release Date: 4th November 2016

To celebrate the band's 30th year since its conception, New York hardcore veterans, Sick Of It All, release When The Smoke Clears. It's their first EP in almost 15 years and is accompanied by a 60 page booklet of rare photos from throughout the years.

While there's a clear progression in style and writing with their first 8 albums, their sound has stayed pretty constant within the last decade. This five track EP is almost a miniature version of 2014's Last Act Of Defiance while having the odd surprise. The title track starts things off with some solid stomping drums and a meaty bass line, leading into that famous bouncy Sick Of It All groove. Along with both Black Venom and Blood & Steel, they may sound like mixtures of tracks from the band's archives but are still enjoyable due to Lou Koller's iconic ferocious vocals and the band's ever-present intensity.

In the same way as past songs such as Beltway Getaway, Call To Arms and the classic Step Down, Sick Of It All showcase their Oi! and classic punk roots on Doomed Campaign. Its upbeat sing-a-long chorus hits you by surprise after the menacing tribal-like intro, instantly making it a highlight. Ultimate track, Fortress, overshadows it by being pretty much a roller coaster of unpredictability. It shows the band's most experimental side, as they throw in a lot of dynamic changes and different musical elements before reaching a euphoric choral climax. This release is certainly more for the die-hard fans and collectors but Fortress alone shows that the band hasn't run out of ideas and can still write a hook.

Words by **Jonathan Miller**



ELITE: UPRISING

HOLY SERPENT

Progressive sludge dripping rock that will melt your face down your body. That's one way to describe Holy Serpent, Australia's finest export of recent times. Another way to describe them would be the love child of Black Sabbath and God Damn. Got an idea of the grotesquely addictive noise this band can make? If not, they've got two EPs out for you to have a listen to, the most recent of which being 'Temples' which will wrap itself around your ear drums until it's all you want to listen to 24/7.



THE ST PIERRE SNAKE INVASION

The St Pierre Snake Invasion are a group of bold and brash lads from Bristol who play grab you by the balls punk rock. They don't care what you think and that is what makes them such a gem. By doing whatever they want they have created some gnarly sounds across their aptly named EP 'Everyone's Entitled To My Opinion' and their debut album 'A Hundred Years A Day.' It's honest and reckless noise and its bloody fantastic to shove into your ears at full volume.



YOUTH MAN

If you haven't heard of Youth Man you need to search them now and have your mind refreshed. Straight out of Birmingham, this trio with a female lead are throwing their naughty punk vibes in the face of anyone who will listen. And people are listening. letlive. for example took Youth Man out on their most recent UK tour, and it's safe to say they were seriously rad. With three EPs already available, you've got no excuse for them not to be one of new favourite bands.



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